

HOUSEHOLD DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

[In thousands]

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	Feb. 2010	Feb. 2011	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Feb. 2010	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2010	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2010	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2010	Feb. 2011	Feb. 2010	Feb. 2011
Total not in the labor force.....	83,804	86,216	17,651	17,860	21,988	22,874	44,165	45,482	33,247	34,548	50,557	51,668
Do not want a job now ¹	77,717	79,812	15,707	15,857	19,224	19,927	42,786	44,028	30,273	31,512	47,444	48,300
Want a job ¹	6,086	6,405	1,944	2,004	2,764	2,947	1,379	1,454	2,974	3,036	3,113	3,369
Did not search for work in previous year.....	2,934	3,174	889	980	1,194	1,295	851	898	1,278	1,381	1,656	1,793
Searched for work in previous year, but not in past 4 weeks ²	3,153	3,231	1,054	1,024	1,570	1,652	528	555	1,696	1,655	1,457	1,575
Not available to work now.....	626	501	248	223	305	231	72	47	262	209	363	293
Marginally attached (available to work now) ³	2,527	2,730	806	800	1,265	1,420	456	509	1,433	1,447	1,094	1,283
Discouraged over job prospects ⁴ ...	1,204	1,020	289	227	627	551	287	241	762	592	442	427
Reasons other than discouragement.....	1,323	1,710	517	574	638	869	169	267	671	854	652	855
Family responsibilities.....	220	236	31	45	138	147	52	43	58	22	162	214
In school or training.....	407	336	304	263	99	71	3	3	237	205	170	131
Ill health or disability.....	57	188	3	34	38	99	17	55	22	122	35	66
Other ⁵	639	950	180	232	362	552	97	166	354	506	285	444

1 Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

2 Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

3 Persons "marginally attached to the labor force" are those who want a job, have searched for work during the prior 12 months, and were available to take a job during the reference week, but had not looked for work in the past 4 weeks.

4 Discouraged workers are persons marginally attached to the labor force who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for reasons such as thinks no work available, could not find work, lacks schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

5 Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.